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In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.56 and the requirements of 37 C.F.R. 1.98, Applicant respectfully requests that a citation and examination of the references identified on the attached PTO 1449 form be made during the course of examination of the above-identified application for United States Patent.

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REMARKS

The attached PTO 1449 form lists related art references for the above identified application.

EXPLANATION OF RELEVANCE

References AA and AJ-AL were cited in the International Search Report. References AJ and AK were also discussed in the Specification. All of these references are in English.

References AM and AN are German patent documents. An English-language translation of the abstracts has been provided, and a full translation will be produced at the request of the Examiner.

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